Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented in Bihar State:—

(i) Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas.

(ii) Special Jute Development Programme.

(iii) Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping Systems.

(iv) Central Sector Seed Minikit Programme on Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals.

(v) National Pulses Development Project.

(vi) Oilseeds Production Programme.

(c) The Programmes are being implemented through the State department of agriculture. State Government is also contributing their matching share in the implementation of the programmes.

किसानों द्वारा फलों, सब्जियों आदि के संग्रहण की योजनाएं

1626. **श्रीमती आनन्दीबेन जेठाभाई पटेल:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या प्रत्येक वर्ष किसानों के 15 हजार करोड़ रुपये लागत के फल और सब्जियां आदि खराब हो जाती हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार किसी ऐसी योजना के निमार्ण की योजना बना रही है ताकि किसानों को इस संबंध में राहत मिले;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री चतुरानन मिश्र): (क) इस संबंध में कोई विशेष सर्वेक्षण नहीं किया गया है। तथापि डा. एम. एस. स्वामीनाथन की "नाशवान कृषि जिसे (1981)" शीर्षक वाली रिपोर्ट के अनुसार प्रति वर्ष फलों एवं सब्जियों की कटाई उपरान्त क्षति 3000 से 4000 करोड़ रुपए तक होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है।

(ख) और (ग) नाशवान उत्पादों की कटाई उपरांत क्षति को कम करने तथा किसानों को अधिक लाभकारी मूल्य दिलाने के लिए भारत सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय बागवानी बोर्ड के माध्यम से बागवानी उत्पादों के (1) रख रखाव आदि (2) विपणन के लिए अवसंरचना तैयार करने हेतु आठवीं योजना में क्रमश: 47.00 करोड़ रुपए एवं 50.00 करोड़ रुपए के परिव्यय से दो उदार ऋण योजनाएं पहले ही शुरू की हैं। इसके अलावा कृषि एवं प्रसंस्करित खाद्य निर्यात विकास प्राधिकरण फल प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय, राष्ट्रीय सहकारी विकास निगम इत्यादि जैसी अन्य एजेंसियों ने भी इस संबंध में योजनाएं शुरू की है।

(घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं होता।

Changes in the existing cooperative laws

1627. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to bring changes in the existing cooperative laws in the country;

(b) the reasons for delay in bringing changes in the cooperative laws, as suggested by a number of Committees appointed by Government; and

(c) the main areas where changes are necessary?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) "Cooperative Societies" is a State subject and only the respective State Governments are competent to bring changes in their State Cooperative Societies Acts. So far as the Central Government is concerned, it is proposed to bring changes in the Multi-State Co-operative Societies act, 1984 (A Central Act).

(b) Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 is comparatively a new legislation and it has been decided to replace the existing Act by a new legislation on the lines of recommendations of reports of "Model Cooperatives Act" Committee and recently constituted 'Advisory Committee on Cooperation'.

(c) The main areas where the changes have been felt necessary are; incorporation of Cooperative Principles in the Statute, procedure for registration of a Multi-State Cooperative Society to enable the cooperatives to promote subsidiary organisations, restriction on holding of office in a Multi-State Cooperative Society, power of the Central Government to issue directives, supersession of Board of Directors of a Multi-State Cooperative Society, representation of a cooperative society or another Multi-State Co-operative Society in the meeting of general

body or board of a Multi-State Co-operative Society, election and audit, settlement of disputes and appeals by quasi-judicial authorities and grant of exemption to the Multi-State Cooperative Societies from any of the provisions of the Act or Rules framed thereunder etc.

Power projects pending for clearance

1628. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects pending with Government for final clearance;

(b) the details thereof, with the date of receipt, stage of consideration, the status and the final decision, if any;

(c) whether Government have decided to liberalise the norms for granting clearance to projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) A total of 38 power projects including one hydro power project are awaiting environmental clearance as on 30th November, 1996.

(b) Assessment of the projects referred for environmental clearance is completed within a period of 90 days from receipt of requisite documents and data from the project authorities and decision is conveyed within 30 days thereafter. Duration of pendency of 38 power projects varies between one month to one year due to normal processing and non submission of requisite environmental data and Management Plan in some cases.

(c) and (d) Modalities for delegation of powers to State Governments for according environmental clearance to thermal power projects are under finalisation.

Implementation of Mid-day meal scheme

1629. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mid-day meal scheme is being implemented in all the States of the country;

(b) if not, the States where this scheme is not being implemented and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would issue directives to these States in this regard;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented in those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Clearance of Worli-Bandra Free-way

1630. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENTAL AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Worli-Bandra Freeway is pending approval since 1993;

(b) if so, the details of the bottlenecks involved; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to get clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Environmental Impact Assessment Report for Construction of first phase of Worli-Bandra Link project was received for environmental clearance from the Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority in July 1994. After examination of this proposal it was decided that unless a comprehensive Environmental clearance to the project. The project proponents were informed accordingly.

(c) A decision on environmental clearance is taken within 90 days of receipt of complete information from a project proponent.

Railway overbridge at Kalyan

1631. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present position in respect of the construction of the Railway overbridge at Kalyan (Karjat end);